

ANOTHER BIG FIRE AT CRAIG.

Fire at That Place Last Friday Night
Damages Main Business Section
---Loss About \$12,500.

(By our Craig Correspondent.)

Friday night, November 5th, at 9:45, fire was discovered in the Wickiser meat market and grocery store, in Craig. People had hardly gone to bed and many were at the opera house, attending a show. The bucket brigade was quickly formed, but for quite a while no one seemed to know what to do or where to start. The fire was located in the ware room of the brick building. There was a metal shed attached to the rear of the brick building, where Mr. Wickiser had his ice plant. Those who first arrived on the scene could not locate the exact place of the fire on account of the smoke. A fire so early in the evening and of such head-way seemed to strike the workers with terror. It was well started before any one knew a thing about it. It burned all between the old Pharmacy Smith building and the Racket building. The workers at once came to the conclusion that the building could not be saved, and every effort was made to prevent the spreading of the fire. Men worked like "Turks," and a million gallons of water was at hand in quick time. The metal shed to the rear of the building was in the way to get at the seat of the fire.

The losses were, as we are able to get them, as follows:

C. M. Wickiser, grocery and meats, loss entire stock, about \$1,500.00; insured for \$2,500.00. The building owned by R. M. Gulliams, valued at \$2,500.00; insured for \$1,000.00.

The G. O. Beris bakery, loss \$1,000.00; insured for \$800.00.

The Root harness shop, loss entire shop, about \$900.00; no insurance.

The McCoy Brothers barber shop, entire loss, and insurance to cover.

The buildings the last three businesses were in were owned by Chas. McCandlish, with \$2,000.00 insurance.

These same places were consumed by fire the morning of the 25th of December, 1901.

The location of the present fire was never fully found, so that it could be gotten at, and it seemed that the workers were handicapped for a leader, yet after some time spent in trying to locate the fire, every one seemed to drop into a place and the work of protecting the rooms of the Racket and other adjacent buildings went on with uniformity in effort and good results. The people of Craig realize now, as never before, the necessity of ample fire protection. The trusting to the unorganized efforts of volunteers will never keep down that feeling of insecurity. Our volunteers are as able a bunch of fire fighters as are found anywhere, and in days past have done marvelous work and have put out fires that would do honor to a well equipped fire department. But Friday night's conflagration seemed to the very beginning strike terror to the hearts of the fire fighters of other times. It was so far developed and so much smoke and such a little blaze and so difficult to reach with buckets that men were almost willing to give up before starting. It would not be hard to bond the city this week for fire protection, were it submitted to a vote.

Mr. Wickiser has purchased new stock and is doing business in the Phillips building. The McCoy Brothers have arranged to be housed in Frank Parson's jewelry store and have ordered a complete outfit of finer and better equipment. Mr. Root has opened up in the old Brick Hotel. It will be some time before Beris will be able to cater to the public, as he will be required to build an oven, etc.

We understand that the places will be built up again, better and more substantial and larger than before. The origin of the fire will never be known.

O. H. S. Notes.

The new high school building is rapidly nearing completion.

Contractor Schrage says that he expects to have everything ready for school at the beginning of the new year. It is about time to begin making plans for a grand opening. As this is one of the important events in the progress of Oregon, let every one take a hand in a celebration that will be fitting to such an event. Let us have your suggestions.

The boys of the H. S. organized a basketball team, this week, and expect to soon be able to contest with neighboring teams. The girls have played for a number of years, and have begun to feel like they are equal to the best of them. It has always been a difficult matter to obtain a place to play, after the weather began to be unsuitable for outdoor games. This year we expect to make good use of the new gymnasium.

While Miss Kalb was attending the Teachers' Meeting at Kansas City, the girls of the prospective Teachers' Training class were getting some practical experience in teaching the second and third grades. Instead of employing a substitute teacher this year, the School Board is having the substitute work done by the members of the "T. T." class, under the direction of the faculty.

Death of Mrs. Sarah Helen Stokes.

(By our Craig Correspondent.)

What was expected, but yet shocked the community more than any news has for many days, was the sad news that Mrs. John Stokes, widow of the late John W. Stokes, had passed away at her home about seven o'clock, November 5. Mrs. Stokes had been suffering and was in what was known as a very dangerous condition for something near two weeks when the end came in its yet unexpected way.

Mrs. Stokes' maiden name was Miss Sarah Helen Parker, born in Mendota, Illinois, April 15, 1845. She was 70 years, 6 months and 18 days old the day of her death. She became the wife of John W. Stokes, June 27, 1891, in her native land. They were married in Hannibal, Missouri, where the young people had gone to avoid the wrath of an irate father, because of the extreme youth of the girl.

This young couple began life in Morgan county, Illinois, where they resided for six years; during part of the time Mr. Stokes was serving his country in the Federal army. They came to St. Louis in 1897, where they resided for two years, and then came to Holt county, where they have made their home ever since, save for a few years that they lived in St. Joseph. Their first home was on a farm, about four miles north of Craig, known now as the John Long place.

They were graciously blessed with seven children as follows: Emma, who was the wife of John H. Williams, died November 30, 1891; Fannie, wife of George Sechrist, died June 8, 1903. The living children are: Albert B., our efficient station agent; James B., one of Craig's honored attorneys; and for a number of years associated with his father in the law practice; Stella, wife of James B. McCandlish, who is associated with A. B. Stokes in the management of the Burlington business in Craig; Lathrop C., identified with the business affairs of Craig; Maurice, the baby of the family, engaged in the drug business in Craig. There are eleven grand children, eight boys and three girls.

Mrs. Stokes took great delight in her children and grand children, always insisting on having them all as near her as possible. She was the guiding star of the children, to whom they all went for council and advice. Strong in mental power, she ruled with Christian spirit both her husband and children. The long hard roads in life were made shorter and easier by her loving disposition and happy way of finding the good in all things.

Tuesday, June 27, 1911, was the date of the celebration of the Golden wedding of this mated couple. Many will remember the occasion as one of the land marks in the history of Craig's society events, when these happy folks invited in the country side to celebrate their fifty years through pleasure and through cloudy weather, through pain and sorrow, through flower strewn paths and happy bowers. The struggle through life's pleasures and sorrows was finally broken by the death of her devoted husband, September 17, 1913.

Mrs. Stokes calmly surmounted the shock and toiled on amidst the love for her children and her devotion to them until the end, laying down life's labors with the fortitude and courage of a heroine. She has been a consistent member of the Christian church for more than thirty years, and her many brothers and sisters in Christ weep to learn of her loss. Her funeral sermon was preached at the Christian church in Craig at one o'clock last Sunday.

The church was filled beyond its capacity and this did the community testify its love and devotion to this noble woman. The Scripture lesson was read from John: 14:1-6. The text was taken from James 4:14 and John 5:28. Services were conducted by Elder O. H. Loomis, of Mount City, assisted by Rev. F. P. Brewster of the Presbyterian church. Interment was at the beautiful New Liberty cemetery, where the body will remain until the dawn of that resplendent day when the dead in Christ shall come forth and be with Him for ever more.

Body Found After Nearly A Year.

(By our Craig Correspondent.)

The body of Carl Wiemers, who was drowned in the Missouri River, the 26th of December last, was found near Wathena, Kansas, October 26th, by a couple of hunters. The body was buried in the sand and but a little was exposed. The hunters informed the undertaker at Wathena and he took the body and buried it in the Belmont cemetery at that place.

Carl Wiemers was a brother to Mrs. William Wellman, and on the day after Christmas crossed the river, from his home with the Wellmans, to Fargo, Minn., some business at the place. Late in the evening of that day he started home across the river and is supposed to have lost his way. He was tracked through the snow on the ice down the river to an air hole. Search has been kept up ever since for the body. Mr. Wiemers' father offered a hundred dollars reward for the body, but finally the family concluded that it would never be recovered. In the meantime the father died and the reward expired with his death. Coleman David, a nephew by marriage, has kept up a continual look-out for the finding of the body. Last Friday he learned of the finding of the hunters near Wathena, and on Monday went to Wathena to identify the body. He readily recognized the shoes, overcoat, underwear and other clothing worn by the lost man; a pocket book, containing 17 cents, and a knife that Mr. David had given him as a present.

It has not been determined what disposition will be made of the body, as several brothers and sisters will have to be consulted concerning the matter.

Lost.

Lost—Between Oregon and the Shafter school district, one and a half dozen teaspoons, one desert spoon, one souvenir spoon, Denver, Col., all sterling silver, and several plated teaspoons. The silver spoons were marked with initials "N" or "M" and wrapped up in a green felt case. Finder liberally rewarded by returning to this office, or to Warren Campbell, Oregon, Mo. Farmers' phone.

County School Notes.

Several weeks ago the superintendent had the pleasure of visiting all of the schools of Consolidated District, No. 3, but one. This school was not by any means forgotten. It was merely left over until the roads leading to it should become passable, so the morning of Oct. 24 was spent at Walker school with Mr. Stanley and his forty-one pupils. There are ten pupils in the first grade, two in the second grade, one in the third grade, eight in the fourth grade, ten in the fifth, eight in the seventh, and two in the eighth grade.

On the 25th we enjoyed a visit in Miss Andes' school at Bagby. Here we found an enrollment of nineteen, all of whom were present.

At North Center we found Miss Randall and her pupils all engaged in the quarterly examination. There are seventeen enrolled, sixteen of whom were present.

At Kelso we found the largest enrollment in the whole of Consolidated District, No. 4, viz., forty-two. They all seemed to be having a happy time with their teacher, Miss Bertha Morris. At Kelso we have a beautiful yard and a very nice building of two rooms. I am in hopes in another year we may see our way clear to using the now vacant room and giving to Consolidated District, No. 4, the advantage of at least one or two years of high school work.

The next school visited was at Culp, where Miss Abbie Kreek has charge of twenty-five pupils.

Early on the morning of Nov. 2, the superintendent found herself south of Forest City in the Chambers district. Here Miss Jessie Boyd is teaching a school of fourteen children, the highest class being the 6th grade.

About half past twelve we left Chambers and proceeded on our way to Shafter. The roads have been in a dreadful condition all summer and fall. We found a force of men out working there, and already they seemed much improved. Just where the road turns west there was a very bad place over which brush and saplings had been thrown; fearing for her tires, the superintendent decided to leave her car at this point and walk the remainder of the way—a little less than a mile—to the school house.

Miss Adeline Jamison has charge of this school, and she and her children seemed much interested in their work. Her enrollment was twenty-four, every one of whom was present.

The meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Kansas City is now a thing of the past. Quite a number of Holt county teachers were in attendance; next week we shall have a list of their names. We all spent an enjoyable as well as a very profitable time. One of the speakers, Dr. Edward A. Steiner, Professor of Applied Christianity in Grinnell College, Iowa, gave an able address on "The Challenge of the American Spirit." He said: "America is a united nation; the hyphen has vanished even from the vote-seeking speeches of the political campaigners. America has become a tremendous world power and today is recognized by the warring nations as the true international conscience. America has a great international education. America is not outside the war even now. Its responsibility is great and well defined. It must fight in the warfare of ideals—not necessarily with gun or sword, but it must be prepared."

Doctor Steiner would answer those who object to the pacific policies of President Wilson in these words: "Infinitely better a hen than a vulture. They characterize our proud eagle as a Plymouth Rock, and class our foreign policy as hen-house philosophy. Let them. America has no semblance of the vulture, and her position today is as it should be—neutral. The challenge of the American spirit is backed by a century of deeds not paralleled in the history of any nation. Ours is a nation apart. In its broad democracy are timbers of oak, free from the false, caste structures that break at a critical time and plunge a million people into conflict."

We not only refused the Chinese indemnity offered us at the close of troubles, but advised them to spend it on the education of their people.

When holding the Philippines in a mailed fist we not only paid Spain for them, we sent engineers to build roads, soldiers to fell the forests, experts to drive out diseases, and when the path was made we sent teachers to spread the truth to the natives.

Can a broad conception based on such sterling principles bend to the petty bickerings of agitators in a period like this? Emphatically no.

America is united. In a generation 15 million people of foreign birth have entered our gates and have forever merged into our national life.

Teachers do not forget that teachers' meetings will be held in the following towns of the county on Saturday, Nov. 20, beginning at 1:30 p. m.: Mount City, Forest City, Fortescue, Craig, Matland, and New Point.

The Oregon Teachers' Reading Circle will meet at the superintendent's office on this Friday evening, Nov. 12. The first three chapters of Bagley's School Discipline will be discussed.

ALBERTA GREEN-MURPHY,
County Superintendent.

Too Many Jimson Seeds.

On last Thursday, the fourth inst., little Thelma, three-year old daughter of Chas. Klefer, of Forbes, was suddenly seized with violent convulsions. Mr. Walter, of Forbes, was hastily summoned and worked with fully for several hours, but to no avail, for the child was wild, and began to turn scarlet red. Dr. Evans, of this city, was then called in consultation, and after getting the convulsions partly under control, the doctors were satisfied that the poison that caused them, was in the bowels, so a large dose of castor oil was given and the result was about one half teaspoonful of jimson seed passed, that the child had eaten while out playing that day. Little Thelma is on the road to recovery now, and a load of anxiety is lifted off her parents. She is said to be one of the brightest and sweetest little girls in that vicinity.

—Harold Hinde, of Kansas City, visited in Oregon with his grandparents, Pete Galbraith and wife, and grand-mother, Mrs. Flora Hinde.

The B. I. L.'s Entertained.

The ladies of the P. E. O. society entertained their husbands and gentlemen friends, fraternally known as B. I. L.'s, or brother-in-laws, on Wednesday evening of last week, November 3, at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bunker, which was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums. It was simply another of those delightful occasions so characteristic of the P. E. O.'s.

The committee in charge showed rare ability in devising entertainment that really entertained.

The symposium spelling match, championed by Mrs. I. C. Dungan and Mr. Robert Montgomery, was fiercely contested.

After referee, Mrs. R. C. Kunkel, blew the whistle and called time, and orthoepist, Mrs. A. Vanhuskirk, announced that honors were equal, decision by lot was agreed upon, fortune favoring Mrs. T. C. Dungan.

In the versatility contest the ladies voted to Mr. Frank Allen the prize for general proficiency in feminine technology, while Miss Hortense Dungan received the masculine vote for general comprehension of affairs relative to men.

The B. I. L.'s found their partners for refreshments by descriptive verse, each cleverly describing a P. E. O. present. So accurate were the descriptions that neither delay nor confusion resulted, save in the instance of—

"The lady who was tall and sweet,
With curly hair and great big feet."

After chicken salad, hot biscuit, pickles, olives, coffee, ice cream, cake and candy, Judge O'Fallon was sufficiently revived to say a few words of appreciation on behalf of the B. I. L.'s, while a glance at the clock, suggested the parody, "Oh, it's Nice to Go Home in the Morning." Thus ended another chapter. "Thank Goodness." A B. I. L.

Troubles of Their Own.

Said a hardware dealer: "People order five cents worth of stovepipe and then make us put up the pipe for them." "You don't know what trouble is," said a butcher to the hardware man. "A person ordered fourteen worth of pork chops and had them delivered. Soon that person discovered that we had sent her 15 cents' worth instead of 10 cents' worth, and she asked us to call at her home for the extra five cents' worth."—Hopkins Journal.

—James Kostock had business in St. Joseph, Monday evening.

—For first class Kodak supplies and finishing, go to E. E. Weary, Oregon, Mo.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brown, of this city, are the new lessees of the Hotel Woodland.

—Cordrey Bros. report the sales of 1910 Hupmobiles to Jas. Cordrey and Chas. Evans and a model "H" to Herman Fancher, last week.

—Mrs. W. B. Galbraith, of St. Joseph, accompanied by her little son, Wilbert, were the guests of Pa and Ma, Pete Galbraith, Saturday and Sunday.

—Arthur Petree, wife and three children, were here over Sunday, visiting her father, W. H. Richards, and sister, Lois, and his brother, Frank and family.

—Recorder Dankers is now making his miscellaneous records, with a typewriter, and it makes a handsome record, and occupies less space than if written out.

For Sale or Trade—A good carriage. Call on or address, E. A. Kunkel, Oregon, Mo., Route, 5.

—Mrs. Clara Castle and daughter, Nellie, were in St. Joseph, last Saturday, going down to accompany Mrs. M. E. Crowell home, who had been operated on in a hospital there.

—Judge Dungan is holding open-house this week, and the various administrators, executors, and guardians are occupying the attention of his judiciousness, in a most entertaining manner.

—Mrs. G. H. Watson is in Kansas City, this week, attending to some business matters, and it is a safe bet that George during her absence will make the most of his time, playing checkers.

—Mrs. Martha Crowell, who has been a hospital patient at St. Joseph, for the past four weeks, has so far improved as to be able to return to her home in this city, Saturday of last week.

—A. E. Kunkel, accompanied by Will L. Moore, Paul Frye and J. H. Keves, drove to St. Joseph Monday evening, in Albert's new Ford touring car, that he purchased from the Keves Bragg Auto Co.

—It was a great pleasure to us to be honored with a call, Tuesday of this week, from Mrs. R. M. Gulliams and her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Anibal, of Craig, who were having business in the probate court. They never pass us by when in the city, and we appreciate this fact.

—L. I. Moore, having on November 10th, sold his interest in the Moore & Kreek grocery store to Will L. Moore, all accounts of the old firm, of Moore & Kreek, are due. The accounts and notes are in the hands of L. I. Moore at the Zook & Roeker Bank for collection. Please call there and settle.

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E. E. WEARY

PHOTOGRAPHER

Oregon, Mo.

—Frank Foster is almost unapproachable, he hardly speaks to his wife, and all on account of killing a wild goose, last week. We understand there is some dispute as to whether the goose was wild, or a tame decoy goose.

—The Mintons had possession of the probate court early Monday morning; D. H., G. H., and J. L., of the Fortescue section were before the court in the interest of the R. M. Beasley estate. They were chaperoned by Judge A. W. VanCamp.